

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM BOARD**

Division of Behavioral Health Services
Administration Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Members Present: Micheal Burden, Vice Chairman
Mark Tripp, Secretary
Trudi Ramsey
Clara Ferron

DHS Staff Present: Steven Jones, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services
Rich Rosen, Attorney, DHS Office of Chief Counsel
Ron Angel, Director, Division of Youth Services
Doyle Young, Program Administrator, Division of Youth Services
William Ketcher, Construction Manager, Division of Youth Services
Kim Luckett, Assistant Director, Division of Youth Services
Karen Scott, Assistant Director, Division of Youth Services
John Althoff, Assistant Director, Division of Behavioral Health Services
Charles Smith, Administrator, DBHS, Arkansas State Hospital
Glenn Sago, Division of Behavioral Health Services
Scottie Leslie, Admin. Assistant, Division of Behavioral Health Services

Guest: Jan Baker, Disability Rights Center
Scott Tanner, Public Defender Commissions

Vice-Chairman Micheal Burden called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 12, 2007 MEETING

Ms. Trudi Ramsey made a motion that the minutes of July 12, 2007 meeting be approved as distributed. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

The Division of Behavioral Health Services' quarterly report had been previously distributed and is attached to the meeting minutes.

Dr. John Althoff, Assistant Director of the Division of Behavioral Health Services, asked Mr. Charles Smith to present the report for the Arkansas State Hospital.

Arkansas State Hospital

Mr. Charles Smith asked Mr. Glenn Sago to provide an update on new construction at the Arkansas State Hospital. Mr. Sago stated the new state hospital is 55% complete with a completion date of March 31, 2008 and move in date of June 2008. Mr. Sago offered to give the board members a tour of the construction site after the meeting. A copy of the floor plan/line drawing of the new hospital was distributed to board members. (A copy was also mailed to those board members not present at the meeting.)

Mr. Charles Smith reported on general maintenance items at the Arkansas State Hospital. He stated the hospital continues to be plagued by roof leaks, which are being patched. Mr. Smith said the rehabilitation of the adolescent unit, Unit 3 lower, has been completed at a cost of almost \$100,000. This unit can house sixteen youth that are dually diagnosed with mental or emotional developmental disabilities. Ms. Clara Ferron asked the age group. Mr. Smith replied thirteen to eighteen years of age.

Arkansas Health Center

Dr. John Althoff referred to the Arkansas Health Center section of the DBHS quarterly report. Dr. Althoff stated that Ed Hood, AHC Administrator, is out-of-state. The first two items in the AHC section of the report are routine maintenance repair. The third item requested the board's approval to rework the reservoir pump. Due to a motion approved by the board July 12, 2007 to change the DHS State Institutional Board Rules under Functions and Duties of the Board from \$10,000 to \$20,000 this new business agenda item is withdrawn. The last item in the DBHS/AHC report is a community relations item. AHC has agreed to allow the Haskell youth soccer and flag football programs to play on the AHC baseball field beginning in October, 2007. Mr. Micheal Burden asked if any insurance or liability was needed for immunity. Dr. Althoff will follow up with Mr. Hood.

Arkansas Services Center – Jonesboro

Regarding the Arkansas Services Center in Jonesboro Dr. Althoff referred to Attorney Rich Rosen. Mr. Rosen said there is nothing new to report to the board at this time.

Ms. Clara Ferron made a motion to accept the Division of Behavioral Health Services' report. Ms. Trudi Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Doyle Young asked the board's permission to adjust the agenda to allow Mr. Steven Jones, DHS Deputy Director, and Mr. Ron Angel, Director of the Division of Youth Services, to present to the board an item under new business. The request was approved by the board. Mr. Steven Jones explained he had obligations out-of-town today and thanked the board for their work and support. Mr. Jones informed the board he would provide opening comments and then Director Ron Angel would make a formal presentation. Handouts were distributed to the board.

Mr. Jones noted the handout is a Phase One proposal of options for the Arkansas Juvenile Treatment and Assessment Center in Alexander. Mr. Jones reported there are ongoing studies, outside group consultations and conversations within the Division proposing major changes in the Division of Youth Services. The Governor and Legislature appropriated up to \$14.9 million for improvements on the Alexander campus. Mr. Jones stated DYS had hoped to get money for much needed work at Mansfield, but is unsure if any of these funds can be used on anything other than the Alexander campus. Mr. Jones explained at this point we don't know how much money, if any, of the \$14.9 million the Governor is going to allow. Before turning the presentation over to Mr. Angel, Mr. Jones informed the board additional proposals will be made at the appropriate time.

Mr. Ron Angel referred to the handout, noting it is a very basic plan that is contingent of what money is allowed. He noted this plan was presented to Mr. John Selig, DHS Director, this week. Mr. Angel asked the board to review the plan and invited questions. The next step is to involve key legislators, advocate groups and others for input and recommendations before the formal finalization of a plan. Of course, the Governor's interests in the project and the money allowed must be considered. Mr. Angel stated this project is not going to add additional beds at Alexander. The intent is to make the facility safer for juveniles that are currently there. Mr. Angel gave an overview of the handout. Scheme 1 includes infrastructure repair, a 40-bed intake and assessment unit (four 10-bed units with individual sleeping rooms), a 36-bed girls unit and a swimming pool with a total estimated project cost of \$14,927,562. Scheme 2 also provides for infrastructure repair, a 20-bed intake and assessment unit, a 20-bed girls unit with a total estimated project cost of \$11,056,072. Scheme 3 is for campus appearance improvements. The budget to complete this objective has not been established. Vice Chairmen Micheal Burden asked what the G4S thought of the concept. Mr. Jones replied G4S had not seen the drawings. Mr. Angel said that Mr. John Selig's instructions were to let the SIS Board have the opportunity to see the "working papers". Mr. Angel asked Mr. Jones to address issues regarding the swimming pool. Mr. Jones reported that Senator Sue Madison carried a bill in the legislative session to enhance the recreational opportunities on the Alexander campus, specifically a swimming pool. Mr. Angel informed the board this is in early stages of planning and the SIS Board will be kept informed throughout the process.

Mr. Doyle Young reiterated these are concept drawings provided by K&D Architects, Inc. from San Francisco. They are one of the top two firms in the design of juvenile facilities in the United States. These concept drawings can be adjusted to any size facility. They are built in pod-type formats. This design is state-of-the-art and is very adjustable no matter whether we go regional or decide to stay at Alexander. Mr. Angel informed the board that these drawings came from the old K&D study. He stated he didn't want to invest a lot of the state's money without getting some concept on paper. Mr. Angel introduced Mr. Kim Luckett, the new Assistant Director for Residential Programming. Mr. Luckett is a former employee of the Department of Corrections.

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Division of Youth Services' quarterly report had been previously distributed and is attached to the meeting minutes.

Mr. Doyle Young reported Act 855 officially changed the name of the Alexander Juvenile Correction Facility to the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center effective August 1, 2007.

DYS has initiated an On-Call Professional Services Contract with Taggart Architects to provide design and engineering for various projects needed during the upcoming biennium.

Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center

Mr. Doyle Young reported the main breaker box in the Administration Building is down. As the breaker box is very old it has been difficult to find a replacement. In the meantime, they have patched where it had melted down. A new breaker box and breakers should be installed by the end of October.

Mr. Young stated one of the AC units failed in July. A new AC unit was installed by facility staff.

Mr. Young noted that since July significant improvements had been made at the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center by installing carpet, vinyl tile and painting. DYS has reviewed with G4S a number of repair and safety items that include replacing some toilet units and re-landscaping around the Education Building because of water damage. Mr. Young stated a full report will be presented to the SIS Board at the meeting in January 2008 on items completed during the upcoming quarter.

Mansfield Juvenile Treatment Center

Mr. Young reported that DYS is awaiting decisions on about \$500,000 of funding to complete needed repairs at Mansfield. Mr. Young stated we are under agreement with the local fire authority to do some work on the water piping system at Mansfield. Taggart Architects have been instructed to engineer this system. The prepared engineered plans are ready to be submitted to the Arkansas Building Authority for review/approval. The project also requires the installation of an emergency generator for the water piping. Part of this \$500,000 is sprinklers for the female dormitory and replacement of the roofs of the three dormitory buildings and the female dorm. Mr. Young said they are going to try to eliminate the water intrusion. Water intrusion has resulted in significant impact on the structures' foundations and roofs.

Mr. Doyle Young requested the board approval to move on these projects if the money becomes available between now and January 2008.

Ms. Clara Ferron made a motion to allow the Mansfield Juvenile Treatment Center repairs to move expeditiously as soon as DYS is granted the money. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Trudi Ramsey made a motion to accept the Division of Youth Services' report. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairman declared, as previously stated in the Arkansas Health Center report, the agenda item request to rework the reservoir pump does not need to be addressed due to the estimated cost being less than \$20,000. The request has been withdrawn.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held January 10, 2008, at the Department of Human Services' Donaghey Plaza Complex.

Mr. Mark Tripp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Trudi Ransey seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Tripp, Secretary